were classified into the six categories in the headquarters office. It would be interesting to find out the reasons why they stay in Beirut. It is presumed that the fourth category, namely, they like it better, would be a relatively high category, considering the well-known attractions of metropolitan living as compared to rural living in other countries.

3.411 Incidence of summer migration to villages, Table 72

One of the best known phenomena of residents in Beirut is the tendency on the part of those who can afford it to return to the villages during the summer months, particularly mountain villages.

It may be seen in the Table that about one-third of the sample return to villages during the summer. It would be interesting for further study to find out what proportion returns to escape the heat of the coast and what proportion returns for economic reasons, either to reap the benefit of the summer harvest or to engage in service occupations for the summer vacationists.

3.412 Month of migration to village, Table 73

Those who do return to the village in the summer were asked what month they usually returned. It may be seen from the table that the exodus gets under way in the June of one-third

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• See Table 72 — Reasons for moving to Beirut.

•• See Tab'e 73 — Summer migration to village.

of the sample in June and rises to a peak with about one-half of the sample in July, with the rest, who are unable to make it earlier, leaving in August.

5.83 Month of return to Beirut from village. Table 74

As the Beirutis go early, so they return late to Beirut from the village. About four-fifths of the sample returned to the pleasant fall climate in October. City institutions are geared to this return. For example, the schools do not open until October. A few, fifteen percent, returned in September - probably as late as possible in the month, while only a fraction, four percent, returned in July or August.

5.7 Place of residence considered home. Table 75

Overwhelmingly Beiruti residents considered their home to be in Beirut. This result is particularly surprising in view of the well-known verbal tendencies of Beirutis to identify themselves with their village of origin. Evidently this feeling for the village is more verbal than actual, a conclusion which, however, is in accordance with the attractions of cities as noted in other places.* Other indications, however, are that the village is still highly attractive, especially in the summer.** Perhaps the safest conclusion would be that the Beirutis are ethno-local.

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Table 72

Incidence of Summer Migration to Village

Migration	Number	Percent	sp.
Total	1908	100.00	
Yes	638	34.15	.010
No	1185	65.44	.011
No answer	45	2.41	

Table 73

Month of Migration to Village

Name of month	Number	Percent	sp.
Total	624	100.00	
June	210	33.13	.019
July	335	51.28	.020
August	83	12.95	.013
No answer	17	2.66	

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Table 74

Month of Return to Beirut from Village

Name of month	Frequency	Percent
Total	634	100.00
July	3	0.47
August	23	3.63
September	94	14.83
October	503	79.34
No answer	11	1.73

Table 75

Place of Residence Considered Home by Head of Household

Location	Number	Percent	sp.
Total	1859	100.00	
Beirut	1554	83.60	.008
Other urban in Lebanon	9	0.48	
Village	101	5.43	.005
Foreign	49	2.64	.004
No answer	146	7.85	

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